GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – PR & RD Dept – Kadapa Dist – Certain irregularities committed in execution of certain silt application works under NREGA in V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist by Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist – Disciplinary action initiated by framing articles of charges against Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist – Appointed Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kadapa and PD, DWMA as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer for conducting Inquiry afresh – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.678 Dated:09 .07.2015

Read the following:

1. Procgs. Rc. No. E2/2894/08, Dt. 19.08.2008 of the District Collector, Kadapa.
2. Charge Memo. No. Vig. II(2)/30599/08, Dt. 22.09.2008 of the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.
3. From Sri C. Venkatesu, MPDO, written Statement of Defence dt. 7.9.2008.
4. From Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO, written statement of Defence dt. 20.10.2008.
5. G.O. Rt. No. 345 PR & RD (Vig. II) Dept., Dt. 10.03.2011.
6. G.O. Rt. No. 346 PR & RD (Vig. II) Dept., Dt. 10.03.2011.
7. Lr.Rc.No.C2/651/EO/2011, Dt.28.02.2012 of SE, PR, Kadapa addressed to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
8. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad Lr. No. Vig. I(4)/30599/08, Dt. 11.04.2012.
9. G.O.Rt.No.341, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt:1.3.2013.
10. From the CEO, ZP, YSR District, Lr.Rc.No.E2/2894/2008, dated:24.1.2015 addressed to the CPR&RE, A.P., Hyderabad.
11. From the CPR&RD, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.12834/CPR&RD/A2 /2008, dt:25.02.2015.
12. From the CEO, Z.P., YSR District, Lr.Rc.No.E2/2894/2008, dt:09.03.2015.

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ORDER:

In the Proceedings 1st read above and the Memo 2nd read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by framing articles of charges against Sri P. Viswantham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District respectively. In reply to the charges, the Charged Officers viz., Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District have submitted their written statements of defence vide their representations 3rd and 4th read above.

2. In the G.O. 6th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer and the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa as Presenting officer, for conducting inquiry into the disciplinary proceedings against Sri P. Viswantham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District in respect of the irregularities in execution of certain silt application works under NREGS resulting in misappropriation of an amount of Rs. 36.54 lakhs.

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3. In the letter 7th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has furnished his Inquiry Report in this matter. Government have examined the said inquiry report and observed that the report is slipshod, subjective and misleading as the finding of the Enquiry Officer that NREGS functionaries responsible for identification have been left free, was found to be wrong. Hence, Government have decided to order de-novo enquiry into the charges against Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District and accordingly, in the G.O. 9th read above, Government have appointed Sri D. Malyadri, Chief Executive Officer, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer to conduct Denova Enquiry against Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District. Government have also appointed Dr. P. Yadubhushan Reddy, Project Director, DWMA, Kadapa as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, on behalf of the Government, under Rule 20 (5) (c) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

4. In the letter 10th read above, Sri D.Malyadri, the then Chief Executive Officer, Kadapa and enquiry officer has submitted his enquiry report holding that the charges framed against Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli, Kadapa District are not proved. The Enquiry Officer has not furnished his report in respect of another Charged Officer Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer. The present Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Kadapa, in his letter 12th read above, has reported that the inquiry report furnished by the former Chief Executive Officer is not in accordance with the rules.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to conduct inquiry afresh against Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District. Accordingly, Government hereby appoint the present Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer for conducting inquiry afresh into the charges framed against Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District, in this matter. Government also hereby appoint the Project Director, DWMA , Kadapa, as Presenting Officer for presenting the case before the Inquiry Officer on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

6. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case, before the Inquiry Officer effectively. He shall also obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Enquiry officer, during the course of enquiry.

7. The Inquiry Officer shall conduct enquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and submit his report, as required under sub-rule 18 (ii) of the above said Rule. Copies of Charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and the Written Statements of Defence submitted by Sri P. Viswanatham, Mandal Engineering Officer and Sri C. Venkatesu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District, are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Officer, as required under Rule 20 (7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (P.R.& R.W.S.)

To
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kadapa (w.e.).
The Project Director, DWMA, Kadapa and presenting officer (w.e.).

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Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District (through CPR &RE., Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad)
Copy to:
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad with a request to serve the copies of this order on Sri C. Venkatesu, MPDO and furnish acknowledgement of served copy).
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. (with a request to serve the copy of this order on Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District and furnish acknowledgement of served copy).
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
S.f./S.c.

//FORWARDED: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER